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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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: Chapter 11 In re:

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : 1Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)

<u>et</u> <u>al</u>.,

Debtors. : Jointly Administered

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ORDER UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 AND 363, AND FED. R. BANKR. P. 2002, 9006, AND 9019 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES TO SETTLE CERTAIN PRE-PETITION AND POST-PETITION CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION WITHOUT FURTHER COURT APPROVAL

Upon the motion (the "Motion") of the Debtors for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 105 and 363

Each capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Motion.

of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 9006 and 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for entry of an order authorizing the establishment of procedures to settle certain pre-petition and postpetition claims and causes of action without further court approval; and the Court having reviewed the Motion; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby:

### FOUND, DETERMINED, AND CONCLUDED that:

- 1. Based on the affidavits of service filed, due, proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given in accordance with the Case Management Order and that no other or further notice is necessary;
- 2. The Notice Procedures are fair, reasonable, and appropriate.
- 3. The Settlement Procedures are fair reasonable, and appropriate.
- 4. The Notice and Settlement Procedures were proposed in good faith.

- 5. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006, cause exists to shorten the applicable notice period in Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(3) with respect to each Settlement.
- 6. Upon the expiration of the applicable
  Notice Period without an objection or upon resolution of
  any filed objection after the applicable Notice Period,
  each Settlement that complies with the Notice and
  Settlement Procedures shall be deemed (i) fair and
  reasonable and (ii) to have satisfied the standards
  under Bankruptcy Code sections 105 and 363 and
  Bankruptcy Rule 9019.
- 7. The relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest.

## ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

- 8. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 9. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to compromise and settle Disputed Claims and Cause of Action and Receivable Claims in accordance with the Settlement Procedures.

- 10. The Debtors shall provide key parties in interest with notice of each proposed Settlement. The Notice Procedures are as follows:
  - (a) The Debtors shall give written notice, by email or facsimile, if available, or overnight courier if email or facsimile are not available, of each proposed Settlement (the "Settlement Notice") to (i) the United States Trustee, (ii) counsel for the Committee of Unsecured Creditors, (iii) any party to the Settlement, and (iv) the Core Group and 2002 List (collectively, the "Notice Parties").
  - (b) The Settlement Notice (or the Settlement Agreement) shall specify (i) the identity of the other party to the Settlement, (ii) a summary of the dispute with such other party, including a statement of the Debtors' reasonable estimate of the Settlement Claim amount and the basis for the controversy, (iii) an explanation of why the Settlement of such Settlement Claim is favorable to the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors, and (iv) a copy of the proposed settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement").
  - (c) The Notice Parties may object to or request additional time to evaluate the proposed Settlement in writing by no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) (i) five (5) days for both <u>Tier I</u> Disputed Claims and <u>Tier I</u> Cause of Action and Receivable Claims or (ii) ten (10) days for both <u>Tier II</u> Disputed Claims and <u>Tier II</u> Cause of Action and Receivable Claims (each an individual "Notice Period") and serve such objection or request on counsel to the Debtors and counsel for the Creditors' Committee on or before the

expiration of the applicable Notice. If the Debtors are compromising more than one Disputed Claim and/or Cause of Action and Receivable Claim, the Tier II Notice Period shall apply to such Settlement. If no objection or written request is filed and served upon counsel for the Debtors and counsel for the Creditors' Committee or counsel to the Debtors does not receive a written request for additional information and/or additional time prior to the expiration of the applicable Notice Period, the Debtors shall be authorized to enter into and consummate the Settlement Agreement without further order of the Court or any other action by the Debtors.

- (d) If a Notice Party provides a written request to counsel for the Debtors for additional information or time to evaluate the proposed Settlement, only such Notice Party shall have the later of (i) an additional five (5) days to object to the proposed Settlement or (ii) in the case of a request for additional information, three days after receipt by the Notice Party of the additional information requested. Each Notice Party may only make one request for additional time per Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the Debtors in their sole discretion.
- (e) If a Notice Party objects to the proposed Settlement within the defined Notice Period for that particular Tier of Disputed Claim or Cause of Action and Receivable Claim, (or the additional period in the case of a Notice Party that has timely requested additional time or information to evaluate the proposed Settlement) (the "Objection Deadline") and the Debtors and such objecting Notice Party are unable to reach a consensual resolution,

the Debtors will not take any further action to consummate the proposed settlement without first obtaining Court approval for that specific Settlement. The Debtors are authorized to schedule the Settlement for a hearing at the next scheduled omnibus hearing following the Objection Deadline (or any subsequent hearing) without filing a separate motion or other pleading.

- (f) If the Objection Deadline has passed and no objection has been filed with the Court or request for additional time or information has been received by the Debtors, the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to file a "Certificate of No Objection" with the Court; provided, further, that each such Certificate shall set forth a statement that no objection was filed or received (or if any objection was filed or received, such objection has been resolved) and no request for additional time or information was received or, if such request was received, the additional period of review has expired.
- An objection will be considered (q) properly filed and served only if it is filed with the Court, and actually received by the following parties on or before the Objection Deadline: (i) Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, 701 East Broad Street - Room 4000, Richmond, VA 23219, (ii) the attorneys for the Debtors, (a) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, One Rodney Square, P.O. Box 636, Wilmington, DE 19899, Attn: Gregg M. Galardi (gregg.galardi@skadden.com) and Ian S. Fredericks (ian.fredericks@skadden.com) and (b) McGuireWoods LLP, One James Center, 901 E. Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, Attn: Douglas M. Foley (<a href="mailto:dfoley@mcguirewoods.com">dfoley@mcguirewoods.com</a>)

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- (h) All time periods set forth in the Notice Procedures shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006.
- 11. Subject to the Notice Procedures, the

  Debtors are authorized to compromise and settle Disputed

  Claims as follows:
  - (a) <u>Tier I</u> With respect to Disputed Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with the Claimants that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Disputed Claims, grant any Claimant an allowed claim of an agreed upon priority or administrative expense claim, as applicable, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
  - (b) <u>Tier II</u> With respect to Disputed Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with the Claimants that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Disputed Claims, grant any Claimant an allowed claim (priority or non-priority, as the case may

- be) or administrative expense claim, as applicable, in an amount greater than \$500,000.
- 12. Subject to the Notice Procedures, the

  Debtors are authorized to compromise and settle Cause of

  Action and Receivable Claims as follows:
  - Tier I With respect to pre- and postpetition Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with third parties that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, compromise or settle a Cause of Action and Receivable Claim resulting in a cash payment to the Debtors' estates of a value (i) equal to or greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Debtors' original reasonable estimate of the Cause of Action and Receivable Claim amount and (ii) equal to or less than \$1,000,000.
  - (b) Tier II With respect to pre- and post-petition Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, the Debtors, in their sole discretion, may negotiate, execute and consummate written Settlement Agreements with third parties that will be binding on the Debtors and their estates without further action by this Court. The Debtors may, in full settlement of such Cause of Action and Receivable Claims, compromise or settle a Cause of Action and Receivable Claim resulting in a cash payment to the Debtors' estates of a value equal to (i) more than \$1,000,000 or (ii) less than

seventy-five percent (75%) of the Debtors' original reasonable estimate of the Cause of Action and Receivable Claim amount.

- Debtors are authorized in their sole discretion, but not directed, to enter into Settlement Agreements substantially in the form of <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto; provided, further, that the material terms of each Settlement Agreement may vary depending upon the specific facts and circumstances of each Settlement and nothing herein or therein shall be construed as impairing the Debtors' ability to tailor the form of the Settlement Agreement to each specific Settlement.
- 14. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to resolve all of the Disputed Claims and Cause of Action and Receivable Claims of a single party in a single Settlement Agreement.
- 15. The Debtors shall provide written notice to Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC"), the Debtors' authorized claims and noticing agent, with respect to any proof of claim settled pursuant to these Settlement Procedures; provided, further, that, if applicable, KCC

is authorized and directed to amend the claims register accordingly without further order of the Court.

- otherwise agreed to between the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee, the Debtors' advisors shall provide weekly updates concerning ongoing settlement discussions to the Creditors' Committee's advisors.

  These updates shall include, without limitation, non-privileged information mutually agreed to among the parties' advisors. Once the Debtors reach an agreement in principle with a third party, the Debtors shall share the material terms of the Settlement with the Creditors' Committee's advisors. All information shared with the Creditors' Committee's advisors shall be deemed shared subject to the existing confidentiality agreement with the Debtors.
- 17. Assuming no objection has been filed by the applicable Objection Deadline, immediately after the expiration of the Notice Period (or, in the case of a filed objection that has been resolved, upon filing of a Certificate of No Objection) the Settlement Agreement

shall be deemed to be a final order of this Court for all purposes, including for purposes of any appeal.

- 18. In the event there is an inconsistency between the Motion and this Order, this Order shall control.
- 19. The requirement under Local Rule 90131(G) of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy
  Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to file a
  memorandum of law in connection with the Motion is
  hereby waived.

20. This Court retains jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the Motion, this Order or any Settlement.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

WE ASK FOR THIS:

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# CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley
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# EXHIBIT A

(Disputed Claim Settlement and Cause of Action and Receivable Claim Settlement Agreement)

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: Jointly Administered Debtors. - - - - - - - - x

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION BY AND AMONG THE DEBTORS AND [THE CLAIMANT] RESOLVING [INSERT DESCRIPTION OF DISPUTED CLAIM(S) OR CAUSES OF ACTION AND RECEIVABLE CLAIM(S)]

This settlement agreement and stipulation (this "Agreement") is entered into by and among the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors"), on the one hand, and [ ] (the "Claimant" and together with the Debtors, the "Parties" and each of which is a "Party"), on the other hand.

#### GENERAL BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Debtors have continued as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee").

WHEREAS, to date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors, among other things, to conduct going out of business sales at the Debtors' remaining 567 stores pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency

Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales pursuant to the Agency Agreement at the Debtors remaining stores. As of on or about March 8, 2009, the going out of business sales concluded.

WHEREAS, the Debtors are authorized under the Court's [\_] dated [\_\_\_\_\_\_], 2009 (D.I. [\_]; the "Settlement Procedures Order")<sup>2</sup> to enter into this Agreement, subject to the Notice Procedures; and

#### SETTLEMENT BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, [ ]

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve the [\_] in its entirety by this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, subject to and in accordance with the Settlement Procedures Order, for good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

21. [TERMS OF SETTLEMENT].

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Settlement Procedures Order.

- 22. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the Debtors or [] with respect to the Settlement Claim.
- 23. Neither this Agreement, nor any statement made or action taken in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement, shall be offered or received in evidence or in any way referred to in any legal action or administrative proceeding among or between the parties hereto, other than as may be necessary (a) to obtain approval of and to enforce this Settlement Agreement or (b) to seek damages or injunctive relief in connection therewith.
- 24. Each of the parties hereto shall execute and deliver any and all additional papers, documents and other assurances, and shall do any and all acts and things reasonably necessary or appropriate in conjunction with the performance of their respective obligations hereunder.
- 25. No provision of this Settlement Agreement is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations or liabilities hereunder upon any person

other than the parties hereto and their respective successors.

- 26. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Virginia without regard to any choice of law provisions.
- 27. This Agreement may be signed in counterpart originals and delivered by facsimile or email, which, when fully executed, shall constitute a single original.
- 28. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties regarding the Agreement and the subject matter thereof.
- 29. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia shall retain exclusive jurisdiction (and the parties consent to such retention of jurisdiction) with respect to any disputes arising from or related to, or other actions to interpret, administer or enforce the terms and provisions of, this Agreement.
- 30. Each person or entity who executes this Settlement Agreement on behalf of another person or

entity represents and warrants that he, she, or it is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of such person or entity, has the requisite authority to bind such person or entity, and such person or entity has full knowledge of and has consented to this Agreement. The representations and warrantys set forth in this paragraph shall survive execution of this Agreement.

- 31. This Agreement is effective upon the later of (i) execution by both parties and (ii) the expiration of the applicable Notice Period.
- 32. This Agreement shall not be modified, altered, amended or vacated without the written consent of all parties hereto or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,	this Agreement is hereby
executed as of the later of t	he dates set forth below.
ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY:	
Dated: [Date]	Dated: [Date]
By:	Ву:
[CLAIMANT]	[DEBTOR]
[Address]	[Address]
[Address]	[Address]
[Address]	[Address]